THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 23rd July 1957.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEATH OF DR. P. VARADARAJULU NAIDU, MEMBER, FORMER, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MR. SPEAKER: It is my painful duty to inform the hon. Members of the House of the death at 1 a.m. to-day of Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, a Member of the former Legislative Assembly of this State from 1952 to 1957.

Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu was a very prominent Member of the House during the five years he was Member. He was also a Member of the Estimates Committee of the Legislative Assembly. For over 40 years, he had identified himself with the Freedom Movement in our country. A staunch Congressman, a Nationalist to the core, his services to the Nation are very prominently before all of us. I had the privilege of being his medical adviser for many years when I was in actual practice. We were family friends. His death creates a void in the senior ranks of politicians which is difficult to fill. At this juncture, his wise counsel and advice would be of very great use to us. But he is no more. His death removes from the ranks of political workers a very stalwart Congressman, a very powerful Nationalist and a great Indian. May his soul rest in peace!

By way of expressing our sorrow at his death and showing our respect to the departed soul, I request hon. Members of the House to stand in silence for two minutes.

All hon. Members stood in silence in their places for two minutes.

MR. SPEAKER: As a mark of respect, I adjourn the business of the House for half an hour.

The House then adjourned to meet again at 9-30 a.m.

The House re-assembled at 9-30 a.m.

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II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER: To-day also there are 20 questions. Therefore, I would like to finish them within the time and would like to have the co-operation of the hon. Members in this regard.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN: On a point of order, Sir. இன்றைக்கு வைத்திருக்கிற கேள்விகள் எல்லாம் முக்கியமான கேள்வியாக இருப்பதால் கேள்வி நேரத்தை கொஞ்சம் கூடுதலாக ஒதுக்கிவைக்கும்படி கேட்கிறேன்.